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Arrest of Lawyer Is New Sensation In Blackmail Case

ALLENBY HAS THE HAND IN EGYPT

Dr. H. A. Farris Wins Verdict In Libel Action

HOBBS CAPTURED AT GANG PLANK OF ROTTERDAM BOAT

He and Another Taken at
Gravesend by Men
From "Yard."

SAYS IT'S ABSURD

Is Arraigned in Bow Street
in Sensational London
Case.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Nov. 29.—William Cooper Hobbs, the dapper solicitor whose testimony in the Robinson suit involving the alleged blackmailing of an unnamed Indian Prince was one of the big sensations of the trial, appeared in Bow street police court this morning, charged under the larceny act with receiving stolen property abroad. The magistrate ordered him remanded. He was arrested at Gravesend last night.

The charge detailed by the public prosecutor was that Hobbs had received on December 27, 1919, a check for £150,000, which had been stolen abroad.

Was About To Sail.

London, Nov. 29.—William Cooper Hobbs was arrested at Gravesend last night and brought to London in connection with the Robinson-Midland Bank case.

Hobbs was arrested on the pier at Gravesend as he was about to embark on the steamship Rotterdam. He was taken into custody by Scotland Yard detectives. Another man accompanying him also was arrested. His name was not divulged. Both men were searched before they were brought to London. They had regular passports.

Hobbs' companion had in his pockets thousands of pounds' worth of French, Belgian, Dutch and U. S. bank notes, according to the Daily Mail.

A warrant for the case is said to have been issued. This man is understood to be abroad.

Montague Noel Newton, who it was rumored during yesterday would be arrested, left England early last evening, according to the Graphic.

Hobbs characterized the warrant on which he was arrested as "quite absurd." He was taken to jail in a taxi cab.

In the testimony of Montague Noel Newton, an ex-army officer, who was brought from abroad and paid £3,000 to become a witness in the case, Hobbs was described as a solicitor whom the alleged conspirators against the potentate's wife filled coffers had engaged to handle their affairs when a lawyer's services were necessary.

Newton himself testified to having been one of the chief parties to the conspiracy, saying he had posed as the woman's husband in the Paris apartment where the climax of the blackmailing drama was staged. Newton is reported to have left England last night.

The Jury's Findings.

The jury delivered its verdict yesterday in the suit brought by C. H. Robinson, a former bookmaker, against the Midland Bank, but judgment was deferred pending legal arguments, which will be heard. For eight days the case aroused widespread interest because of the charges brought out that an unnamed Indian prince, referred to as "Mr. A." was held up for blackmail after he had been discovered in a Paris apartment with Mrs. Robinson.

The jury found that there had been a conspiracy to extort money from the prince, and that the mysterious potentate, whose name was kept secret for reasons of state, parted with £150,000, while his mind was unsettled through fear. It found, however, that neither Mr. Robinson nor his wife were parties to the conspiracy.

Judge Darling had decided that the question of negligence on the part of the bank in connection with the £150,000 which Mr. Robinson alleged was due him, was beside the issue, but after the jury gave its verdict on the conspiracy point, it retired again to consider other technical questions concerning the bank and the check, but by the judge.

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New Premier



Ziviar Pasha, president of the senate of Egypt, succeeds Zaghouel Pasha as premier, following the latter's resignation because of Great Britain's ultimatum concerning the death of Sidar Stak.

ST. JOHN BOY IS ELECTED SCRIPTOR

Boys' Conference For Three
Counties of N. B. is Now Proceeding at Fredericton.

(Special to The Times-Star.)

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 29.—The Older Boys' Conference for the Counties of York, Sunbury and Charlotte is being held here in the Methodist church here. The formal opening took place Friday night. The conference will continue today, closing Sunday night with a closing service.

Rev. Waldo C. Machum is in charge of the conference, which is attended by some 40 or 50 delegates. Charlotte county did not send any delegates, but the other counties are well represented. Officers were elected as follows: Praetor, Fred Young, Jacksonville; deputy praetor, Harold Currie, Fredericton; scribe, Murray Sargent, St. John; Messrs. Young and Sargent are attending normal school. George Good, of Sussex, addressed the conference on "The Fourfold Life" and the conference was organized into three groups.

This morning, Rev. G. C. Warren spoke on "Worship" and Rev. W. C. Machum spoke on Canadian Standard efficiency tests, which is similar to the tests given in the army. Rev. G. C. Warren and George Good. An address on temperance by Rev. F. H. Holmes concluded the session.

VETERAN OFFICER IS CHOSEN MAYOR

Lieut. Col. Webb Wins Over
Labor Mayor in
Winnipeg.

(Special to The Times-Star.)

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 29.—(By Canadian Press.)—Lieut. Col. R. H. Webb, hotel manager, is to be Mayor of Winnipeg for 1925. Yesterday he was elected by a majority of about 4,800 over S. J. Farmer, Winnipeg's labor mayor for the last two years. Webb's vote was 22,067, and Farmer's 17,263. Mayor Farmer, an accountant, ran as the official candidate of the Independent Labor party.

Col. Webb, the first Canadian officer to be decorated in the war, came home with the medals of the D. S. O. and the M. C., the Croix de Guerre, and he had been six times mentioned in despatches. He was made commander of the 47th battalion in December, 1917, and in March of the following year he lost a leg at Oppy Wood.

Confidence Vote Is Given Herriot

Paris, Nov. 29.—Following a heated debate in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday afternoon over charges that members of the Herriot cabinet had received campaign funds from the Association of Economic Interests, an anti-Socialist organization, a vote of confidence was given the present government by the chamber, 299 against 246.

JURY IS OUT BUT BRIEF TIME IN MEDICINE CASE

Conclusion of Libel Trial is
Reached at Morning
Session.

JUDGE'S CHARGE

Appeal Matter and Second
Action Still Open, Says
Dr. Pugsley.

(Canadian Press.)

A verdict for Dr. H. A. Farris, medical superintendent of the St. John County Hospital, defendant in a libel suit brought against him by J. Harry Driscoll et al, doing business under the firm name and style of Drisco Laboratories, was given by the jury at noon today following ten minutes consideration. Mr. Justice Crockett completed his charge at 12:30 and the jury retired three minutes later. The case opened on November 18.

No order as to costs was made by His Honor, following his discharge of the jury. Asked regarding an appeal, Hon. Dr. William Pugsley, K. C., senior counsel for the plaintiffs, said the matter still was open as to whether or not he would appeal against Dr. Farris.

When the jury informed the attendants they were ready with their verdict, it was found Judge Crockett had left the building but he was quickly summoned and after answering roll call, the foreman, W. G. Farris, was asked for the verdict. "Not Guilty" was his reply.

There was an outburst of hand-clapping from spectators, mostly ladies, that was quickly silenced by the officials. After thanking the jurors, Judge Crockett discharged them.

The jurymen were W. J. Farris, R. J. Armstrong, Brady E. DeBow, R. C. Gilmour, A. B. Farmer, T. L. McGilchrist, and Arthur Brown.

Dr. Pugsley concludes.

Continuing his address to the jury at the opening of the morning session today, Dr. Pugsley summarized what the plaintiffs contended were the leading facts of the case. Without making any inquiry in regard to the constituent parts of this medicine, Dr. Farris, he said, made up his mind to rush into print to declare the remedy was of no value and was for the purpose of deceiving the public. A short time later, Dr. Farris called on Dr. McCourt, who asked if he was prescribing the medicine and also if he intended to continue to prescribe and on receiving an affirmative reply, counseled the defendant made no effort to ascertain the merits of the medicine.

Speaking of the analysis by Dr. McLean, Dr. Pugsley said it was not the best evidence of the parts of the medicine and said the defendant's counsel had sent to some Mr. Stevens, chief of the proprietary branch, without calling him to the stand. Dr. McLean's evidence was given without his original circumstances leading up to the case. He would ask that no deficiency of money was of little importance compared with the maintenance of the reputation of the plaintiffs.

Judge's Charge.

Judge Crockett commenced his charge to the jury at 11:20 a. m., ending at 12:30 p. m. His Honor reviewed the circumstances leading up to the case. He said he would direct the jury that they could not find a verdict for the plaintiffs unless satisfied that the case constituted a libel on the plaintiff in itself. So far as Driscoll went, no words published in respect of the commodity itself could give rise to the case as a cause of action against the defendant unless it was proven that the firm had suffered actual, pecuniary damage as a result of the publication.

No evidence had been given by the jury that the plaintiff had suffered in respect to the article, and for this reason the action could not be maintained unless the words constituted a libel.

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Detective Returns \$671; Gets Kissed

Washington, Nov. 29.—When he handed her a lost pocketbook containing \$671, one day this week, Detective Aulderson, although only the medium of the restoration, received a fervent embrace and kiss from Mrs. Hastera A. Wyman, 75 years old, in the full presence of his police headquarters.

DUKE OF LEINSTER ARRIVES IN STATES

Leaves Title Behind and Wants
to Be Called Mr.
Fitzgerald.

(Canadian Press.)

New York, Nov. 29.—Edward Fitzgerald, who is the Duke of Leinster when he is in the United States, arrived on the steamship Manxonia yesterday for a holiday. His first statement on landing was to announce that he would be democratic while in "the States," and he was known as plain Mr. Fitzgerald. His inseparable companion, Audrey Cole, who was with him and the "Mistress" was not necessary. "Just call him Fitzgerald, that will do," he said.

The British nobleman has a reputation as a thrill chaser in his own country. He once raced his motor car against a train from London by Glasgow. On another occasion he planned to race William Washburn, Nutting across the Atlantic in a twelve-ton ketch but he called it off when an insurance company threatened to cancel his life-insurance policy for \$1,200,000.

The duke expressed the belief that Nutting's seamanship would be a triumph over the Viking-trailing trip in the motor yacht Lief Ericsson, long overdue at a Labrador port.

ALGOMA WOLVES MENACE TO LIFE

Citizens Arrange Round-up and
Wolfhounds Are
Brought in.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Nov. 29.—The wolves of Algoma have become such a menace to life and live stock that the citizens of this district have decided to stage a round-up of these vicious prowlers of the northland. The lead is being taken by J. W. Curran, proprietor of the Daily Star, offered to purchase a pack of thoroughbred Kentucky wolfhounds if volunteers would turn out in sufficient numbers to make the drive a success. Final arrangements will be made on next Tuesday for the round-up and in the meantime the hounds have been ordered, shipped to the Soo.

WILLIAMS RETAINS CALM ATTITUDE

Prisoner Has Read Closely The
Accounts of The Foster-
ville Tragedy.

(Special to The Times-Star.)

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 29.—Harry D. Williams, charged with the murder of his two nieces, Cynthia and Necla Foster, at Fosterville on last Tuesday, has been placed in the most westerly of the upper tier of cells at the York County Jail. Like the other cell windows, his faces George street. Williams maintains his calm attitude in jail, as he did in the police cells. He has read closely press accounts of the crime, varying the reading with perusal of magazines.

Two Officials In Quebec Suspended

Quebec, Nov. 29.—Ad. Trudel, municipal director of sanitary lodgings, and J. D. F. Bedard, inspector, have been suspended from their duties. Authority for the suspension was given Mayor Sampson on Wednesday, on account of an enquete into sanitary housing conditions in the city.

Mgr. Grivetti Is Dead In Montreal

Montreal, Nov. 29.—The death of Monsignor Joseph Louis Grivetti, private secretary to His Excellency Mgr. Pietro Di Maria, apostolic delegate to Canada of the Holy See, occurred early this morning at the Hotel Dieu. He had been ill since the middle of September.

KORETZ IS PUT ON SHIP AND SPIRITED OFF TO NEW YORK

Chicago Newspaper Men
Take Train in Hope to
Catch Up.

COUP AT HALIFAX

New Indictments Against
Alleged Swindler Returned
in Chicago Court.

(Canadian Press.)

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 29.—Leo Koretz, alias Lou Keytes, Caledonia's erstwhile meteoric "millionaire" is on his way to Chicago to answer to a charge of having swindled his fellow citizens out of several millions of dollars. Accompanied by Chicago's state attorney, a Halifax lawyer and Deputy Sheriff Scriven made a quiet unexpected get away about 10 o'clock last night when they took passage on the Canadian liner Caronia to New York. Five Chicago newspaper men who were to have accompanied Koretz, in a special car attached to the Ocean Limited train leaving here at 8 o'clock this morning were amongst the eluded, the "slip" as arranged by the Koretz party having been most successfully carried out. The quartette of writers got away for New York in the hope of meeting Koretz before the trip to Chicago is ended.

The Caronia, which makes the run from Halifax to New York in 80 to 82 hours should reach its destination around 8 o'clock on Sunday morning. The best train connections between here and New York will not enable the newspaper men to get there until practically 12 hours later.

The true office of the Chicago Title and Trust Company, who came here to look after the Koretz estate in the interests of his firm, said last night that he did not believe he gave the full amount of his personal estate in his statement before the commissioner here. Mr. Davis said he would remain in Nova Scotia for several days in this connection.

Chicago, Nov. 29.—The No. 10 Grand Jury today voted three new indictments against Leo Koretz, whose friends and relatives invested millions in his oil schemes. A few minutes after the true bills were voted, the indictments were returned in court.

Three persons who invested in Koretz's schemes made the complaints on which the new indictments, charging confidence game and larceny were based. The new indictments, State Attorney Robert E. Crown said, will increase Koretz's bond to \$100,000 and make possible additional trials in case Koretz is acquitted at the first hearing.

OFFICIAL LIBERAL CANDIDATE LOSES

Joseph Millejeux Wins By-election
For The Legislature
of Quebec.

Ville Marie, Montcalm, Que., Nov. 29.—Joseph Millejeux, official Liberal, was yesterday elected a member of the local assembly for Temiscamingue to replace Telephore Simard, who died some time ago. With one poll to be heard from the results of yesterday's by-election showed a majority of 250 votes for Mr. Millejeux over his opponent, J. E. Piche, official Liberal representative.

TONG WAR IS ON AGAIN; TWO SHOT

New York Chinese Import Gun-
men From The Pacific
Coast.

(United Press.)

New York, Nov. 29.—Seventy-five Chinese gunmen imported from the west coast today awaited orders to attack as new murders and shooting put an end to the temporary truce in the tong war which, centering here, has broken out in every Chinese section of the larger cities.

Gung Sing, an On Leong Tong man, is in the hospital with five shots through his body and Tom Hong, member of the Hip Sings, is in another hospital with two bullets in his body. Neither is expected to live.

The shootings occurred last night and followed closely on the heels of the murders of Hok Hun and Gung Ching Foc yesterday, which broke the truce.

The gunmen were imported by the Hip Sings, according to Sing Nov, secretary of the On Leongs.

1,000 Barrels Went up in Smoke



A thousand barrels, worth \$10 apiece, went up in smoke while federal prohibition agents in Chicago stood by directing the work of destruction. But all were empty. Their contents previously had been poured into the sewer. The barrels were seized in raids on breweries and "blind pigs."

Britain Must Assert Rights in Egypt, Says Colonial Secretary

Birmingham, Nov. 29.—Colonial Secretary Amery, in a speech here, declared Britain held a position in Egypt which she was unable to abandon.

"For three years we have shown amazing forbearance. More than our rights we do not claim, but these we do claim and intend to assert."

"The murder of the Sidar only hastened our assertion," he said.

Exeter, England, Nov. 29.—Dr. Addison who was Minister of Health under Lloyd George and now belongs to the Labor party, in a speech here declared the British action in Egypt, "beats that of Mussolini at Corfu all hollow." He referred to the Italian Premier's severe reprisals against Greece for the murder of four Italians in Albania.

Refuses Aged Suitor, Father Kills Her

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 29.—Because his daughter, 14 years old, refused to marry the man he had chosen for her, Salvatore Giglia shot and killed the girl and then ended his own life. Before committing the murder, he had removed his other child, a girl of 10, to his parents' home, some distance away.

Giglia and his family came to this city from Italy. He was 47 years old when his wife died. Since then Giglia, a consumptive, has spent some years in public hospitals.

PUCCINI IS DEAD

Heart Attack Carries Off Famous
Musical Composer in
Brussels.

Brussels, Nov. 29.—Giacomo Puccini, famous musical composer, died at noon today from a throat infection following an operation. The death of the composer was due directly to a heart attack.

Coming from a family which for a century and a half produced an uninterrupted line of famous musicians, it was not surprising that Giacomo Puccini early showed signs of precocious musical talents.

His son Michele, father of Giacomo, won fame for his compositions of sacred music which were admired throughout Italy. Upon his death in 1864 he was honored by the composition of a requiem. Puccini was one of the few composers of recent times whose opera successes were both numerous and lasting.

Canadians Are Asked to Testify

By H. BAILEY
(British United Press.)

London, Nov. 29.—Canadian representatives of the Millers' and Bakers' Association have been asked to give evidence before a departmental committee of the Ministry of Health which is enquiring into the bleaching of flour with chlorine peroxide and nitrogen. This is a part of an investigation into food poisons.

Dr. McNally Is Reported Low

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 29.—No improvement in the condition of Dr. H. H. McNally is reported today. He is very low.

SITUATION IN THE SUDAN SERIOUS BUT NOT CRITICAL

Believed in London It Will
Not be Necessary to
Reconquer.

MUTINEERS GIVE IN
Two British Officers Were
Killed and Eight Men
Wounded.

BY H. W. BAILEY
(British United Press.)

London, Nov. 29.—General Allenby has been given a free hand by the British Government to take whatever measures he deems necessary for the preservation of the British hold on Egypt, regardless of their severity and for the preservation of order under the British suzerainty in the Sudan.

The government is determined to uphold the British authority in both Egypt and the Sudan, a British official told the British United Press this morning, and to suppress every manifestation of anti-British sentiment.

It is anticipated that more troops will be rushed to Egypt as well as additional aeroplanes, but there is a tendency in official circles to ask what is going to happen after full order has been restored.

The Daily News is agitating that the Sudan be placed under a mandate of the League of Nations, but there is little support visible in Government circles in favor of this view. It is recognized, however, that Britain must come to some arrangement with regard to Egypt's future and it is hinted that Britain will strive to hold up a friendly atmosphere that will serve at least for a time to settle the vexed problems of Egypt.

Mutiny of Sudan regiments yesterday has done something to dampen the optimism of the British Government that the crisis would pass off without serious disorder. Experts are confident, however, that the British can retain their hold without having to reconquer the entire Sudan, although they view the situation with some misgivings owing to the wide extent of former Premier Zaghouel's anti-British campaign in penetrating the ranks of the Sudanese troops. Until this propaganda was circulated, they were anti-Egyptian and pro-British in their sympathies and their courage and fighting qualities have always earned the admiration of the British people.

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IS SERIOUS.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Nov. 29.—The Egyptian situation as the result of the latest messages, was described in official quarters in London this afternoon as serious but not critical. Interest mainly centered in the Sudan, which appeared to have been quieted.

Mutineers Surrender.

Cairo, Egypt, Nov. 29.—The surviving mutineers at Khartoum have given in to the British it was officially announced here this afternoon. The mutiny among the troops was confined to two platoons of the eleventh Sudanese and the mutineers who survived surrendered after a bombardment of the compound of the Egyptian army hospital. Two British officers were killed and eight men wounded.

Communication Restored.

London, Nov. 29.—Telegraphic communication with the Sudan was restored at 12:50 o'clock this afternoon. It is announced in an agency despatch from Cairo.

According to advices from Khartoum the telegraph lines were temporarily interrupted between Hafia and Khartoum, all traffic being routed via Port Sudan. The cause of the interruption is not given.

Meantime in Cairo is quiet, the public services and business generally proceeding in normal fashion. The students of El Azhar University have decided to continue their strike, started in protest against the British measures following the assassination of the Sidar. Major General Sir Lee Stack.

At a meeting held in the ministry of education today the minister exhorted the teachers to do their utmost to persuade the students to return to their classes, in their own and the country's interests. The Nationalist delegation has issued another manifesto, criticizing the Government for the con-

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Weather Report

Toronto, Nov. 29.—Pressure remains high over the western states and there are now shallow depressions over Manitoba and the Great Lakes. The weather is fairly cold in Ontario and mild in the western and maritime provinces.

Forecast:
Showers on Sunday.
Maritime—Moderate winds, fair today. Sunday, easterly winds with showers.

Northern New England—Unsettled and slightly colder tonight. Sunday, fair and colder; moderate to fresh west and northwest winds.

Toronto, Nov. 29.—Temperatures:
Lowest
Highest during
8 a.m. yesterday night
Prince Rupert 46 52 44
Edmonton 48 48 44
Prince Albert 20 26 20
Winnipeg 14 8 2
Montreal 30 36 26
St. John 30 46 28
Halifax 30 46 28
New York 42 48 38